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but not as good as the
first one. Here are the 1st
26 pages of network notes.
I will send you the rest of
the rewrite notes Monday.
They want the 1st few pages
shortened too.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

"BEAUTY AND THE BOGBEAST"

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"BEAUTY AND THE BOGBEAST"

FADE IN:

EXTERIOR: LAVA FLATS - GLOOMY DAY

The scene is forboding. Miles of bubbling and steaming lava coozing up from jagged cracks. Eerie trees protrude up out of the baked ground, branches dead and angular, like spikes warning intruders to STAY OUT! A deathly mist floats between the trees and lava. SFX: BUBBLING LAVA. CAMERA PANS and PUSHES IN deeper into the bubbling deathtrap.

CLOSER ANGLE

The MUSIC BUILDS as we suddenly see a footprint "appear" in the steaming lava ground, as if some invisible beast were moving toward us. Then another footprint...and another. The MUSIC THROBS in unison to the appearance of each print. As the footprints get closer we cut to:

ANGLE ON CLUMP OF DEAD TREES

where Hank and Diana are crouched and ready, weapons in hand. As they watch the o.s. footprints Hank gestures Diana to get ready, then signals to someone o.s.

SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

wait behind another clump of dead and gnarly trees (facing the other direction). Uni watches nervously, as does Sheila. Bobby flashes an okay sign to o.s. Hank, thumps his club into his hand, ready to maul the s.o.b. Sheila stops him, puts her finger to her lip.

ERIC AND PRESTO

are crouched behind another clump of dead trees, nervously watching as:

THE FOOTPRINTS

move closer, making their ominous impressions in the steaming lava, SIZZLING with each step. The MUSIC THROBS LOUDER.

CLOSE ON DIANA

as she steels herself, tightens her grip on her javelin.

CLOSER ON FOOTPRINTS

as they press into the cracked and glowing ground, getting closer and closer...

CLOSE ON BOBBY

as he gets ready to pounce, staring o.s. at:

THE FOOTPRINTS

as they thump closer and closer...

CLOSE ON PRESTO AND ERIC

Presto takes off his hat, gets ready. Eric raises his shield protectively.

CLOSER ON FOOTPRINTS

as they THUMP, THUMP, THUMP toward us...

CLOSE ON UNI

as her teeth begin to chatter.

CLOSER ON FOOTPRINTS

as the MUSIC BUILDS the footprints stop! There is a SCREAMING CRESCENDO as:

HANK

rises to his feet, draws back a flaming bolt.

HANK

NOW!!

He lets loose with an arrow of light! FWOOSH!

ON FOOTPRINTS

as the arrow streaks into shot, erupting like a flare about the footprints. As it glows brilliantly we can barely make out a silhouette of the beast. It is rather small and squat.

BOBBY

raises his club, rushes toward camera, club overhead...

BOBBY

(Viking war cry)

YAAAAAAHHHHH!!

PRESTO AND ERIC

rush forward together, Eric hiding behind his shield.

PRESTO/ERIC

(half war cry; half
frightened scream)

AAAAHHHHHHHHH!!

FULL SHOT - ALL

The six of them converge on the footprints.

HANK ET AL
(misc. war cries)

PUSH IN as they circle the footprints, aiming their weapons: Hank poised with bow cocked; Bobby waiting with club overhead; Diana with javelin at the ready; Eric still somewhat hiding behind the shield; Presto with hat in his hand. A split-second before they unleash their barrage on the invisible beast...POOF!...the Dungeon Master appears in the footprints before them.

DUNGEON MASTER
Good afternoon!

PRESTO/ERIC/SHEILA
(panicked shrieks)
EEEEYYYYYAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!

Eric, Presto and Sheila tumble backwards in a panic.

ANOTHER ANGLE

HANK
Dungeon Master! What are you
doing here?

DUNGEON MASTER
Looking for you!

PUSH IN as Dungeon Master hops up onto a boulder, wiggles his feet before him. They smoke!

DUNGEON MASTER
(pleasureful sigh)
Ahhh! Nothing like a stroll over
hot lava to soothe the soles...of
my feet, that is.

WIDER - TO INCLUDE OTHERS

ERIC
One of these days I wish you'd call
before you drop by...so I could
make sure I'm nowhere around!

DUNGEON MASTER
Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Is that any
way to talk to someone who's
discovered a way for you to get
back home?

Eric and the others whip their heads around in reaction to Dungeon Master's words.

SHEILA

Home?

PRESTO

You mean like, no more dragons,
or nine eyed monsters?

DUNGEON MASTER

That's right! Just smoggy cities
and overcooked hamburgers...if that's
any better!

2 NO
TOO NOISE
HE WOULD NOT

CLOSER - FAVORING ERIC

ERIC

You bet your ~~head~~ head it is! How
do we get back?

(looks about)

Just point the way!

TOO FAR

DUNGEON MASTER

I'm afraid it's not that easy.

SHEILA

I knew it! There's always a catch!

FULL SHOT

DUNGEON MASTER

Not a catch! A river! You must
find "The River That Rains Upsidedown!"

BOBBY

The what?

ERIC

(jerks thumb at DM)

I think his brains are upsidedown!

TALKING

ON DUNGEON MASTER AND HANK

HANK

How's that going to get us home?

DUNGEON MASTER

Once a year, for just one minute,
the waters of this ~~magical~~ river
flow into the sky...

PUSH IN as Dungeon Master opens his hands, palms upwards.
A spray of sparkling energy flows upwards out of them,
like a fountain.

DUNGEON MASTER

They will take you wherever you
want to go!

The energy sucks back into Dungeon Master's hands, disappearing.

WIDER ANGLE

DIANA

But where will we find this river?

Dungeon Master points down a creepy looking path that leads through the smoking lava flats.

DUNGEON MASTER

Just follow that path...

CLOSE ON DUNGEON MASTER

DUNGEON MASTER

...but beware! You must never touch the beauty that breathes the beast!

FULL SHOT - ALL

ERIC

Beauty that breathes the beast?
What is that... ~~Miss America~~ with bad breath?

Dungeon Master just smiles as we cut:

CLOSE ON ERIC

ERIC

I've had it up to here with your crazy riddles! I'm not taking one step until you translate that into simple English!

FULL SHOT - ALL

They react to the lack of Dungeon Master.

SHEILA

He's gone!

ERIC

(burning)

Well, I'm still not taking one step until he comes back and explains that stupid riddle!

HANK

I don't think he's coming back, Eric.

CLOSER ON DIANA AND SHEILA

DIANA

Hank's right.

TAKING

SHEILA

I agree with Eric. Maybe if we stay put Dungeon Master will come back.

WIDER ANGLE - ALL

HANK

Okay! Let's do this democratically!
All those who want to stay here, raise your hands!

Eric and Sheila raise their hands. Eric gives Presto an elbow in the ribs. He raises his hand reluctantly.

ERIC

All those in favor of looking for the river?

Hank and Diana raise their hands. Bobby raises his club.

PRESTO

It's a tie!

CLOSER ON ERIC AND BOBBY

as the dead tree beside them slowly raises a branch that looks like a withered arm.

BOBBY

That's the tie breaker. We look for the river!

Bobby hefts his club over his shoulder, marches o.s. Eric slaps at the dead tree branch. It breaks off.

ERIC

I hate this stupid world!

FULL SHOT - LAVA FLATS

As our heroes march off through the deadly looking lava flats, Eric lifts his feet up (alternating), reacting to the hot ground.

ERIC

Ow! Oooo! Aaahhh!

DISSOLVE TO:

FURTHER DOWN THE PATH - STILL GLOOMY DAY

Hank and the others suddenly stop.

BOBBY

Look!

WIDEN to reveal a fork in the path before them.

SHEILA

Oh, great! Which way do we go, now?

ERIC

According to ~~Murphy's Law~~, whichever path we take will be the wrong one!

CLOSER ON ERIC AND PRESTO

PRESTO

Sol In that case all we have to do is decide which path to take...then take the other one!

ERIC

(shakes his head)

Oh, brother!

*BOBBY
THEN LET'S
TAKE 'EM BOTH.*

WIDER ANGLE

Hank is standing beside Bobby, Sheila and Uni. Diana, Eric and Presto are on the other side of shot.

HANK

Don't sweat it, Eric. All we have to do is split up.

DIANA

Right! I'll go with Eric and Presto down that path.

(points down path)

SHORTEN

SHEILA

And we'll take the other. Come on!

As the two groups take different pathes we...

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: CREEPY OVERGROWN VINES - DAY

Bobby clubs his way through the vines. Diana does the same with her javelin. Hank and Uni are behind them.

DIANA

Are you sure we're still on the path, Hank?

HANK

The only thing I'm sure of is that I'm not sure of anything!

CLOSER ON BOBBY

as he pounds his club into the vines once again. But instead of cutting through the vines there is a DEAFENING METALLIC GONG!

Bobby reacts as the vibrations go through him. PUSH IN on Uni as she holds her ears, rattling off her feet.

WIDER ANGLE

BOBBY
OoOoOoohhh!! What did it hit?

Hank pushes away the vines to reveal a metallic wall with rivets in it. It looks like a ship's bulkhead. He wraps on it with a low CLANG, CLANG, CLANG!

HANK
It's a metal wall!

DIANA
What's it doing in the middle of nowhere?

CLOSER ON HANK

HANK
I don't know. But it's got to end somewhere.

Hank continues to push the vines away until we can see that it is not a wall at all...but a giant metal foot (with a Roman looking sandal on it, also metal).

HANK
I don't like the look of this!

EXTREME UP ANGLE

on vine covered mountain. You're right! It's not a mountain at all. It begins to move, tearing the vines off itself, revealing it to be an IRON GOLEM (see Monster Manual, page 48). CAMERA ZOOMS IN on its angry face as it looks down past camera...

IRON GOLEM
(loud metallic roar)
Who goes there?

REVERSE DOWN ANGLE - OVER THE SHOULDER

as the golem looks down at Hank, Sheila, Bobby and Uni far below in the vines.

SHEILA
I think it's time we got going!

As they all run off the iron golem lumbers after them, its huge metal feet CRASHING into the earth with REVERBERATING THUMPS!

Bobby
(ANSWERS)

PANNING WITH HANK, SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

as the huge iron feet crash into the ground, gaining on our guys.

HANK

Hurry!

CLOSE ON GIANT FOOT

as it bashes into the ground with a scene shaking THUD.

ON BOBBY AND UNI

as they are literally bounced off the ground by the quaking thud. Bobby trips and Uni rolls over him. PUSH IN as Bobby looks up, reacting to:

HIS POV - EXTREME UP ANGLE - IRON GOLEM

It leans down, reaching right into camera...

ON HANK AND SHEILA

They stop, turning, reacting.

SHEILA

Bobby!

BACK TO BOBBY AND UNI

as the giant golem picks them up in its huge hand, lifting them up, o.s.

UNI

(frightened bleat)

CLOSER ON GOLEM

PUSH IN as it holds Bobby and Uni up to its metal face, leans closer.

IRON GOLEM

Golem destroy intruders!

BOBBY

Yeah...well, not before I do a
Steve Garvey number on your nose!

Bobby swings his club like a baseball bat, smashing the golem's metal nose with a REVERBERATING CLANG-ANG-ANG!
His head vibrates.

IRON GOLEM

(furious)

I crush you like fly!

The iron golem holds its other hand up over Bobby and Uni, getting ready to slam it down on them.

ON HANK AND SHEILA

Hank draws back a flaming bolt, aims upwards.

HANK
Magic bow, don't fail me now!

He releases! WHOOSH!

BACK TO GOLEM

Just as it slams its hand down the flaming bolt of energy shoots into shot, coiling into a laserlike spring around Bobby and Uni. The golem's hand slams down, hitting the glowing spring and sproinging back, slapping the golem in the kisser.

BOBBY
Way to go, Hank!

UP ANGLE ON GOLEM

as it looks down at Hank and Sheila, showing his angry metal fangs.

IRON GOLEM
(angry metallic roar)

SHEILA
Uh-oh! I think you got him mad!

The golem raises its foot over them.

CLOSER ON SHEILA AND HANK

Hank dives out of the way. Sheila spins her cloak around her, disappearing as the huge foot slams down where they were standing. The scene SHUDDERS.

ON BOBBY AND UNI

in the golem's hand. Bobby swings his club up, bashing the metal thumb before him. Uni covers her ears with her hooves as the CLANG REVERBERATES LOUDLY.

CLOSE ON IRON GOLEM

IRON GOLEM
(angry groan)

ON HANK

as Sheila appears beside him with a twirl of her cape.

SHEILA

That things indestructable!

PUSH IN on Hank as he aims his bow...

HANK

If you can't beat 'em...join 'em!

He fires another flaming bolt.

ON GOLEM'S FEET

The glowing energy bolt streaks into shot, striking between the feet (which are touching). It flares up like an arc welding torch, melting the two feet together with a red hot, glowing weld.

BACK TO HANK AND SHEILA

HANK

Okay, Sheila...do your stuff!

Sheila gives Hank a nervous look, then shrugs. She whips her cape and disappears.

FULL ON GOLEM

NO TIME FOR

Suddenly Sheila appears on the road before him.

SHEILA

Hey, rust face! Over here!

The Golem

The golem looks at Sheila, reacting with a scowl. He moves toward her, reaching out with his free hand.

CLOSE ON GOLEM

as he reacts with surprise to:

HIS FEET

welded together.

WIDER ANGLE

as he teeters precariously.

IRON GOLEM

Aaahhhh!!!...Aaaaaahhhhhh!!!...

ON HANK

HANK

Bobby! Catch!

Hank fires another bolt.

UP ANGLE ON GOLEM

as Hank's flaming arrow streaks up toward the iron hand, forming a glowing energy slide. Dobby shoves Uni onto the slide, then hops on after her.

UNI
(panicked bleat)

PUSH IN on the golem as he teeters more, then falls o.s.

IRON GOLEM
AAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH!!!...

WIDER ANGLE

as the golem hits the ground with a SHUDDERING CRASH. He
breaks into pieces with a RIPPING METAL SOUND.

ON SHEILA AND HANK

ducking as the huge metal hand crashes before them.

ON BOBBY AND UNI

as the golem's hollow head THUDS to rest a few feet away.

FULL SHOT - ALL

Hank and the others react to the sight of the broken monster before them. PUSH IN on them...

SHEILA
I wonder what he was guarding.

BOBBY
Maybe it's that upsidedown river
or whatever it is. I'll go back

Bobby scrambles over the hulk of the iron golem, to the end of the jungly vines.

Well? HANK

CLOSER ON BOBBY

He looks past camera with disappointment. Sheila, Hank and Un: join him, their faces looking about the same.

On ~~well~~ BANK

NAME NO

REVERSE ANGLE - PAST HANK AND OTHERS

CAMERA WIDENS to reveal a vast desert before them, the sun blistering overhead.

HANK
...at least we'll get a nice suntan!

SHEILA
Not me. I burn!

DISSOLVE TO:

EXTERIOR: SMALL BROOK - DAY

The water babbles over the rocks past grassy banks.

ERIC (VO)
Forget it!

WIDEN to reveal Eric, Presto and Diana standing on the bank, looking at the brook.

ERIC
It's just an ordinary brook!

CLOSER ON PRESTO AND ERIC

as he puts his hands and head on the ground, pushes up into an awkward headstand.

PRESTO
(off balance)
It looks much more promising
from this point of view!

ERIC
Quit clowning, Presto!

Eric gives Presto's wobbling feet a shove, knocking him into a heap.

W.S. DIANA (VO)
Hey, ~~look at~~ Look at this!

ON DIANA

looking at an incredibly beautiful flower that is wrapped around a tree trunk with vinelike branches and leaves. Eric and Presto enter.

PRESTO
What's up, Diana?

PUSH IN on the flower.

DIANA

Have you ever seen anything so
beautiful in your life?

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Eric moves to the flower.

ERIC

You want it, Diana...it's yours!

He snaps the flower off the vine, holds it out to her.

DIANA

(charmed)

Why, Eric...thank you.

Just before she takes it, Presto reacts with a worried
look, stops Eric.

PRESTO

Wait a minute! Did ~~someone~~
say ~~beautiful~~? *read?*

CLOSER ON ERIC AND PRESTO

ERIC

What of it?

PRESTO

~~the flower~~ Beware of beauty
that breathes the beast

Eric does a take, looks at the flower. POOF! It shoots
out a blast of powdery pollen into his face.

ERIC

(coughing)

Eric puts his hands over his face, bending down as he
continues to cough. When he straightens up we see that
he is now a hideous looking BOGBEAST! They're not in the
Monster Manual, but as its name implies, it's a
hunchbacked, soggy, warty, boney, large eyed, yucky
looking creature; perhaps a cross between a frog, a
lizard and a fly...perhaps not! (Note: Eric still has
his shield.)

ERIC

(croaky, bubbly)

Now you tell me! It's a good
thing for you nothing happened!

FULL SHOT - ALL

Diana and Presto look with wide-eyed shock at Eric.

ERIC
(another cough)
What are you guys staring at?

Diana and Presto, point at Eric, speechless.

DIANA/PRESTO
(hysterical laughing)

ERIC
Some friends you are.
(another cough)
Just because I've got a little
frog in my throat is nothing to
laugh about. --- I've got to get
some water!

Eric moves off.

PRESTO/DIANA
(more laughing)

ON BROOK

as Eric moves into shot, stopping at the bank.

ERIC
(muttering to himself)
Twirps!

CLOSER ANGLE

as Eric kneels at the edge of the water, sticks his face
down to get a drink. He sees his reflection, goes wide-
eyed with panic.

ERIC
Yiiiiiii! A monster!

He leaps to his feet, looking around him every which way.

ERIC
It was hideous! Quick! We've
got to get out of here!

WIDER ANGLE

as Diana and Presto move to Eric.

DIANA
(containing her
laughter)
Uh, relax, Eric...

ERIC
Relax!? Are you nuts? We've
got to split before it gets us!

PRESTO

Don't worry! It's not gonna
get us! ~~But I'm afraid~~ it's
already gotten you!
(laughs again)

Presto points at Eric's face. Eric reacts, puts his
hands to his face, feels it. His eyes widen. He blinks.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Eric leans back over the water, looks at his
reflection. He reacts with a startled jerk.

ERIC

Aaahhh!!

He gains his nerve, looks once again.

ERIC

Huh?

He feels his face again.

ERIC

No! It's not possible! I'm...I'm...

ANGLE ON ALL

PRESTO

Disgusting?

Diana puts her hand over her mouth to keep from laughing.

ERIC

What am I going to do? I can't
go around looking like this!

DIANA

~~Why not?~~ For once your looks fit
your personality!

ON ERIC AND PRESTO

ERIC

HA This isn't funny!

PRESTO

Sure it is! I mean...you're right,
it's not funny...

(cracks up)

It's hysterical!

Eric takes Presto's hat off, hands it to him.

ERIC

Come on, Presto! Whip up a
spell or something; and change
me back to me!

PRESTO

But, uh, I don't know if I can!

CLOSE ON DIANA AND PRESTO

DIANA

(thru smile)

Better do it, Presto...or he'll
touch you and give you a wart!

PRESTO

(reluctant)

Oh, okay!

Presto runs his hand around the upturned rim of his hat.

PRESTO

Uh, lips of lizard, ear of elf...
please make Eric look like himself!

There is a sudden POOF of magical smoke. WIDEN to reveal
Eric. He wears a lady's wig, hat and dress, looking
somewhat like E.T. in drag.

DIANA

Well, ~~that's~~ THAT'S DIFFERENT!

ERIC

I'll tear you apart, Presto! I
swear, I'll tear you apart!

PRESTO

Relax! ~~Relax!~~ I'm just warming up!

Presto runs his hand over his hat, faster!

CLOSER ON PRESTO

PRESTO

(nervous)

Abracazim...abracadoo...make me
a potion that ~~it~~ ~~do~~ ~~what~~ ~~I~~ ~~need~~
~~it to do!~~ THAT'S KNOWN WITH...

Presto reaches into his hat, pulls out a bubbling flask
of pink liquid. He reacts with a smile.

PRESTO

Hey! I did it!

WIDER ANGLE

As Eric grabs the flash from Presto.

ERIC
Gimme that!

He chug-a-lugs it, reacting as if he'd just drank a garlic milkshake.

ERIC
Yuchi! What was that?

PRESTO
(shrugs)
~~Goody~~ I don't know!

PUSH IN on Eric as he begins to shake and shiver. He suddenly grows horns and breathes flame. He shoots an even angrier glance o.s.

ON PRESTO

PRESTO
Don't worry, Eric! I'll have you back to normal in a flash!

Before he has time to even do anything a lightning bolt erupts from his hat, shooting o.s. with a crackling THUNDERCLAP. Presto looks o.s., reacting.

WIDER ON ERIC AND PRESTO

to reveal Eric, smoking, the ground charred around him.

ERIC
Put that hat back on before you
kill somebody! MF.

Eric rips Presto's hat out of his hands, shoves it back onto his head.

ERIC
There must be a way to...

CAMERA WIDENS as Eric turns, reacting with a startled froglike leap at the sight of Dungeon Master, standing in front him.

ERIC
(frightened croak)

CLOSER ON DUNGEON MASTER AND ERIC

DUNGEON MASTER
I see you did not heed my warning!

ERIC
(pleading)
Oh, Dungeon Master...am I glad to
see you. Quick! Change me back
before these creeps crack any more
bad jokes!

PUSH IN on Dungeon Master as he rubs his chin, shakes his
head sadly.

DUNGEON MASTER
~~I'm~~ afraid you do not understand
the ways of this world, Cavalier.
I did not create this spell...~~so~~
I cannot undo it! *KAMMER*

CLOSE ON ERIC

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)
In fact, if you do not ~~find the~~
~~antidote~~ soon, you will remain /
~~that way~~...forever!

ERIC
~~But I can't stay this way forever!~~
~~I'm...I'm...~~

WIDER ANGLE

DIANA
Disgusting?

Eric shoots Diana an angry glance.

DUNGEON MASTER *TO AND*
There is one way to ~~get back to~~
~~your normal form...~~ ~~but the answer~~
And this is will be found in what you dislike
the most.

CLOSE ON ERIC

ERIC
~~You mean beside me?~~

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal Dungeon Master is gone. Eric reacts.

ERIC
~~Oh, I hate it when he does that!~~ *He's not*
(looks at himself)
~~almost as much as~~ I hate looking
like this!

CLOSE ON DIANA

DIANA

That's it! What you dislike the most is being...

(wrinkles her nose)

...~~whatever it is you are!~~

a cliche

FULL SHOT - ALL

PRESTO

Yeah! So maybe if we find some more ~~of these... ugly creatures,~~ *we'll find the antidote!*

ERIC

Now, just a minute! I'm not that ugly! I'm...I'm...

PRESTO/DIANA

Disgusting?

Eric reacts with anger, running after Presto and Diana. As they race off, we...

WIPE TO:

CLOSE ON BLISTERING SUN

burning in the noon sky the CAMERA PANS DOWN to reveal Hank, Sheila, Bobby and Uni trudging over the sand dunes.

CLOSER ANGLE

as they stop, thirsty and exhausted.

SHEILA

There's got to be water around here, somewhere. ~~I'm sure!~~

ON UNI AND BOBBY

Uni reacts with wide-eyed delight to the sight of a puddle of water before her.

LOOK THERE!
~~It's~~ water!

BOBBY

UNI

(happy bleat)

Uni races toward it, diving in. THUD! The water dissolves away, just a mirage. Uni's head is stuck in the sand. Bobby pulls her out. She spits sand.

UNI

Ptew!

BOBBY

Nice try, Uni!

ON HANK AND SHEILA

SHEILA

If I don't find something to
drink soon, I'm gonna dry up
and blow away.

PUSH IN on Hank as his bow begins to quiver (no pun
intended).

HANK

Hey! What's up?

Eric holds up his bow as a flaming arrow appears. He can
barely control the bow as it jerks about in his hand, as
if trying to point to something.

CLOSE ON BOBBY

BOBBY

Maybe it's trying to point out
where the water is...~~like a~~
~~divining rod~~...

WIDER ANGLE

The bow gives a big "nod" at Bobby's words.

HANK

I think you're right, Bobby!

Then the bow suddenly points straight up.

SHEILA

I think you're wrong, Bobby!

The bow lets loose with its arrow, sending it skyward.
The three of them stare upwards at:

THEIR POV - EXTREME UP ANGLE

as the flaming arrow goes up, up, up...then turns around,
falling down, down, down, toward camera.

BACK TO HANK, SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

They all dive out of the way as the arrow shoots into the
ground where they were standing, exploding with a blast
of sand and light, blowing a hole in the sand.

SHEILA AND HANK

are knocked off their feet.

BOBBY AND UNI

(facing the opposite way) are also knocked down.

WIDER ANGLE

as we see the four of them slipping down toward the hole in the sand, like sand draining into an hourglass.

HANK

I don't understand it! That
bow's never let me down before!

CLOSER ON SHEILA

slipping toward the hole.

SHEILA

Well, there's always a first...

She falls into the blackness of the sandy hole.

SHEILA (VO)

...tiiiiiiiiiiiiimmmme!

ON BOBBY AND UNI

BOBBY

Sheila!

They slide into the hole...

BOBBY (VO)

Helllllllppppp!!--...

UNI (VO)

(trailing bleat)

ON HANK

He slides into the hole, disappearing. The MUSIC STINGS and we cut to:

SUBTERRANEAN CAVERN

The place looks like a cross between Carlsbad Caverns and a tropical rain forest. Lush ferns and vines dangle from the ceiling of stalactites. Mosses and flowers cover the stalagmites below. CAMERA PUSHES IN on the top of the cavern as Hank, Sheila, Bobby and Uni tumble from a hole in the rocky ceiling.

ANGLE ON SHALLOW STREAM

It runs along a wide dry river bed. There is only pockets of water. Suddenly our four heroes splash into the water. PUSH IN as they poke their heads up.

BOBBY

Look! It found the water!

They all drink happily, splashing about.

CLOSER ON UNI

playfully splashing water up with her horn, catching it in her mouth. She ducks her head down again, this time pulling up a little LIZARD FISH, wrapped around her horn. She crosses her eyes, reacting in panic in as the little lizard lashes its tongue out at her.

UNI

(frightened bleat)

Suddenly two, gnarly looking legs step into shot before camera. Uni forgets about the lizard fish on her nose, blinking at the "owner" of the legs.

UNI

(suppressed bleat)

WIDER ANGLE

Hank, Sheila and Bobby react to the sight of a half-dozen of the strange creatures. They circle our guys, their ominous silhouettes obscuring all but their hunchbacked shapes. As the MUSIC STINGS we...

FADE OUT

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

ON HANK, SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

still half-submerged in the stream water, the strange, silhouetted creatures surrounding them.

HANK

Don't look now, but I think
we're surrounded!

SHEILA

Yeah! ~~And I wouldn't mind if~~ *BY WHAT?*
~~they weren't so...ugly!~~

THEIR POV - BOGBEASTS

They all look like Eric...or like Eric now looks: slimey, warty, smelly beasts, holding crude, spearlike weapons with trident tips, and nets. They slowly move toward camera...

BOGBEAST #1

(low, soggy croak)

ON OUR GUYS

Bobby starts to raise his club.

WHO CARES? BOBBY
~~if you think they're ugly now,~~
wait till I get through with 'em!

Hank grabs Bobby's club, pushes it down under the water.

HANK

~~Not, yet! Wait till I give the word!~~
LET'S SEE WHAT THEY WANT.

ON BOGBEASTS

They continue toward camera, raising their nets and spears.

ON SHEILA

waiting...

ON UNI

waiting...and shaking.

ON BOGBEASTS

They raise their nets overhead, draw back their spears...

ON HANK

as he erupts out of the water, standing erect.

NOW!!

HANK

He draws back his bow...but no arrow appears. He reacts.

HANK

Hey! Where are my arrows?

ON BOBBY

BOBBY

Leave those warfaced freaks
to me!

Bobby yanks his club up out of the water...but there is no club, just another wiggling lizard fish. He drops it like a hot potato.

BOBBY

Yuchi

ON SHEILA

She whips her soggy cape over her...but she doesn't disappear. She stays right where she is, her soggy cape covering her. PUSH IN as she peeks her face out.

SHEILA

I guess this cloak doesn't work
when it's wet!

ON BOGBEASTS

still surrounding our guys. They look at Hank, Sheila, Bobby and Uni, standing before them, then glance at one another nervously. In a startling instant they turn tail and run in panic.

BOGBEASTS

(frightened croaks)

YAAAHHH!! CROOOAK! BURRRPPP!!

HANK, SHEILA AND BOBBY

react in surprise to:

A BOGBEAST

as he leaps into a mass of ferns, disappearing.

ANOTHER BOGBEAST

dives into a puddle of water. It's so shallow his back and head stick out as he tries to swim away, getting nowhere fast.

MORE BOGBEASTS

scramble away into the shadows of the surrounding stalagmites. PUSH IN as they peer around the stalagmites, blinking nervously.

BOGBEASTS
(low, frightened croaks)

BACK TO OUR GUYS

standing in the stream. They give one another a surprised take.

ANGLE ON FERNS

Hank enters shot, reaches into the fern, pulling out one of the bogbeasts. He reacts with panic, covering his face with his wiggling, webbed fingers.

BOGBEAST #1
No! Don't hurt! Don't hurt!

HANK
Don't worry! We mean you no harm!

WIDER ANGLE

The bogbeast peeks out through his fingers.

SHEILA
Who are you?

BOGBEAST #1
Me are bogbeast! Me friendly!

The bogbeast smiles, revealing his disgusting set of twisted and missing teeth.

BOBBY
If you're so friendly, how come
~~you and your buddies attacked us?~~

CLOSE ON BOGBEAST

BOGBEAST #1
Bogbeasts not attack! Bogbeasts
go fishing...see you in sacred
fishing water!

FULL SHOT - ALL

The other bogbeasts begin to move closer. Bogbeast #1 points at the shallow patches of water.

BOGBEASTS
(less friendly;
misc. croaks)
You evil!...Kawamung send you to
scare fish away!

SHEILA
Kawamung? Who's he?

ON BOGBEASTS - FAVORING BOGBEAST #1

BOGBEAST #1
He ~~agrees~~ *dis*

BOGBEAST #318
He dam up river, ~~make us starve!~~

BOGBEAST #47a *RAH!*
Kawamung ~~want~~ *want be rid of* bogbeasts ~~out of~~
~~cavern for good!~~

WIDER ANGLE - TO INCLUDE DOZENS MORE BOGBEASTS

BOBBY
But there's so many of you! Why
don't you just clobber ~~it~~ *up*

Bobby swings his club as he speaks. The bogbeasts all step back in fright.

BOBBY
(trails off)
...the guy?

SHEILA
I think you just answered your
own question, Bobby!

As the bogbeasts huddle together in fear we...

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: MUDDY BOG - GLOOMY DAY

CAMERA PANS CLOSE with Presto's feet as they slosh through the mud. Diana's feet gain into shot, sloshing along behind him. Then Eric's feet gain into shot, looking yuckier than the mud. CAMERA WIDENS to reveal the three of the walking through what looks like a prehistoric swamp.

DIANA
We've been looking for hours and
I haven't seen anything that looks
half as disgusting as Eric!

ERIC
~~Will you cut it out!~~

~~Sorry~~

CLOSER ON PRESTO

as he looks about, reacting in surprise as a totally
disgusting looking, snakelike serpent pops its head out
of the bog before him. It opens its mouth, dripping
slime down its tongue.

PRESTO
I th-th-think I've found something ~~more d-d-disgusting than Eric!~~

SERPENT
(deadly hissing)

WIDER ANGLE

as the others react to the slimey serpent.

ERIC
Aaaahhhhhh!!!

DIANA
Run!

They run thru the mud, the serpent slithering after them.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Eric, Diana and Presto trip in a wetter part of the
bog, falling waist deep into the murk. The serpent
slithers up to them as they begin to sink.

ERIC
Hey! I'm sinking!

CLOSE ON SERPENT

It opens wide, fangs bared, tongue whipping ominously.

SERPENT
(more hissing)

BACK TO OUR GUYS

as they sink up to their shoulders in the mud. The
serpent is coiled before them.

DIANA
 Look on the bright side, Eric..
 No one will be able to see you..
 under the mud!

The three of them sink out of sight. PUSH IN on the muddy murk as it bubbles with doom, then cut:

BACK TO HANK, SHEILA, BOBBY AND UNI

standing before the bogbeasts, who are now in their little village. There are dozens of grassy huts in the jungly cavern (along the dried up river bank). There are all kinds of bogbeasts, men, women and children, standing by their huts, looking very sympathetic.

HANK
 There must be something you can
 do to stop this Kawamung fellal

BOGBEAST #1
 We stop Kawamung...as soon as
 our leader come!

HANK
 Who's your leader?

CLOSER - FAVORING BOGBEAST #1

He takes a dirty, rolled up parchment out of a sack that hangs from his shoulder.

BOGBEAST #1
 Him legend!

The bogbeast unrolls the filthy parchment.

BOGBEAST #1
 Sacred scroll say Him like us,
 but not like us!
 (looks up reverently)
 Say Him drop from sky...lead us
 to victory over Kawamung!

The bogbeasts bow in reverence to the legendary words.

TIGHT ON HANK AND SHEILA

SHEILA
 (sotto)
 Something tells me these guys are
 about as smart as they are handsome.

As Hank nods the two of them look up, reacting to:

ERIC/DIANA/PRESTO (VO)
 OOOOOHHHHHHHH...!!

WIDER ANGLE

as Eric, Presto and Diana tumble into shot, landing in the ferns and undergrowth beside Hank and the others. PUSH IN as Diana pops up out of the ferns, a bit dazed.

Diana!

SHEILA

Presto pops up next, his hat comically askew.

Presto!

BOBBY

Eric pops out, looking just like the other bogbeasts.

ERIC

(dazed croak)

Hi, Hank!

HANK

Eric??

ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING BOGBEASTS

as they react to Eric.

BOGBEAST #1

Our leader has come!

They drop to their knees, bowing reverently.

BOGBEASTS

(reverent croaking)

CLOSER ON ERIC, HANK AND OTHERS

Eric points a webbed thumb at the bogbeasts.

ERIC

Now these guys know a born leader
when they see one! (M. S. S.) WHAT AM I

SHEILA

~~Eric, what happened to you? You're...~~
~~you're...~~

Eric points a webbed finger at Presto and Diana.

ERIC

~~One word outta you and so help me!~~
DIA 12 W1

They just smile.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as bogbeast #1 hands Eric a crude trident spear. Eric pulls his hand away.

YOU LEADER

ERIC
Don't touch me, you disgusting beast!

BOGBEAST #1
We ready!

WIDER TO INCLUDE ARMY OF BOGBEASTS

all lined up like a ~~whole~~ marine platoon.

BOGBEAST #1
You lead us to victory over Kawamung!

ERIC
What's he talking about?

SHEILA
They expect you to conquer the evil
ogre that's damming up their river.

Eric looks at the disgusting bogbeasts, winces.

ERIC
Well, forget it! Tell 'em to call
the department of water and power!

CLOSER - FAVORING HANK

HANK
We can't just let these guys starve!
~~Besides, how bad can one ogre be?~~

Eric points down. CAMERA WIDENS to reveal they are
standing in a giant footprint. Hank glances at the
footprint, then back to Eric.

WIDER - TO INCLUDE BOGBEASTS

BOGBEAST #1
(to Eric)
You not lead bogbeasts, bogbeasts.
~~soon be extinct!~~

DIANA
Come on, Eric...have some sympathy.
After all, they are your relatives!
(suppresses laugh)

ON ERIC AND BOGBEAST #1

ERIC
(to bogbeast #1)
Alright, I'll tell you what I'm
gonna do! You find a way to change
me back to normal...I'll lead your
army of bogbeasts!

BOGBEAST #1
Normal? You normal now!

ERIC
(slaps his forehead)
Oh, brother!

The bogbeast smiles, puts his arm around Eric. Eric reacts as if he's just been given the "kooties."

BOGBEAST #1
(nodding)
Brother.

WIPE TO:

DRIED UP RIVER BED

CAMERA FOLLOWS the almost totally dry river bed up to a huge dam, made of tree trunks, boulders, etc. PUSH IN to reveal our guys and the bogbeasts, moving up a trail toward the top of the dam.

CLOSER ANGLE - PANNING

Eric leads the rest.

ERIC
~~I don't know how I let you talk~~
~~me into this.~~

DIANA
Quit griping, Eric. The bogbeasts said this ogre has some sort of magic medallion around his neck. It may be your only chance of getting back to...
(wrinkles her nose)
...normal!

ON HANK AND BOBBY

Hank raises his hand to warn the others to be quiet. He and Bobby stop, look over the top of the dam.

BOBBY
(sotto)
Holy cow!

THEIR POV - VALLEY

There is a lake dammed up at the side of a lush, green valley. Kawamung, a giant OGRE MAGE, is wading in the lake (see Monster Manual, page 76). He scoops out a huge handful of lizard fish, gobbling them down.

BOBBY (VO)
That dude looks real mean!

WIDER - TO INCLUDE ERIC AND OTHERS

HANK
(sotto)
Eric! Tell your bogbeast friends...

ERIC
(interrupting)
They're not my friends!

HANK
Okay! Okay! Just tell them to
keep quiet until we need them.

CLOSER ON HANK, SHEILA AND UNI

HANK
Sheila! You remember what to do?

SHEILA
Uh, would you believe me if I told
you I forgot?

Hank shakes his head "no."

SHEILA
In that case, what are we waiting for?

Hank sneaks o.s. PUSH IN on Sheila as she swings her
cloak around her, disappearing. Suddenly Uni reacts with
surprise as her feet are knocked out from under her.

UNI
(startled bleat)

SHEILA (VO)
Oh! Sorry, Uni!

Uni is lifted up in the air, placed back on her feet, and
dusted off. She smiles as she is given an invisible pat
on the head.

ON KAWAMUNG

as he scoops up another handful of lizard fish, swallows
them. He licks his lips with his long tongue.

KAWAMUNG
Mmmmm! Lizard Fish taste good!

Kawamung reacts to some ripples in the water. A lizard
fish "magically" lifts out of the lake beneath him,
appearing to float in the air.

SHEILA (VO)
In that case, how'd you like
another one, fish face?

The fish flips up into the air, smacking Kawamung right in the kisser. He angrily wipes his face off, looking down with rage in his eyes.

KAWAMUNG
(angered scream)
AAAAAAHHHHHHHHH!!

Kawamung smashes his hands down into the water, making a huge splash!

ON HANK

as he steps out from behind a tree, draws back his bow. He fires a flaming arrow o.s.

ON KAWAMUNG

as the arrow streaks into shot, circling the medallion that hangs from his neck. Kawamung is startled as the energy bolt tears the medallion from his neck, taking it back o.s. like a boomerang.

WIDER - TO INCLUDE HANK

Hank grabs the medallion out of the air as the flaming arrow returns to him, then vanishes.

HANK
Thanks, Kawamung! Now that your magic's gone, perhaps you'll let the bogbeasts live in peace.

KAWAMUNG
(bellowing laughter)
HA-HA-HA-HA! Stupid ~~human~~!...

Kawamung turns around, revealing another identical orge face on the back of his head. This one is wearing another medallion (and his back looks just like the other side).

KAWAMUNG
You didn't know I was a Siamese ogre! HA-HA-HA-HA!

PUSH IN as he holds up the other medallion.

KAWAMUNG
This is the real magic medallion!

Suddenly the medallion fires a glowing beam o.s.

ON HANK AND TREE

Hank dives out of the way, but the tree doesn't flinch. It just evaporates as the beam hits it!

ON PRESTO, DIANA AND BOBBY

PRESTO
I think Hank's in trouble!

Let's go! DIANA

They dash o.s.

ON ERIC AND BOGBEASTS

Eric, shield in hand, is in front of the bogbeast army.

ERIC
Oh, well...when in Bogland, do
as the bogbeasts!

He suddenly stands up, raises his shield.

ERIC
(ala John Wayne)
Forward...ho-ooooo!

He rushes off over the dam, the bogbeasts following.

KAWAMUNG

reacts as the bogbeasts pour over the top of the dam.
PUSH IN on him as he raises his medallion.

KAWAMUNG

~~See! Push bogbeasts down over
Kawamung!~~

He shoots another blast o.s.

ON BOGBEASTS

as the magical beam shoots into shot, freezing several of
them in a solid layer of ice.

CLOSER ON KAWAMUNG

as he smiles with evil delight. Suddenly the medallion
starts to pull away from his neck.

SHEILA (VO)
I've got it!

He reaches out, grabbing something invisible. A
beat...then Sheila's cloak dangles off her and she comes
into plain view, in Kawamung's hand, hanging from the
medallion.

KAWAMUNG
And I've got you!

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal little Bobby, standing at the bank beside a towering tree.

BOBBY

Leggo my sister!

bobby bashes his club into the tree, sending it falling toward Kawamung. PUSH IN on the ogre as he sidesteps the tree, which splashes into the water.

CLOSER ON KAWAMUNG

as he bares his teeth, firing another magical bolt o.s.

ON BOBBY

Eric "hops" into shot, holding his shield before Bobby. The magical bolt hits it, ricocheting back o.s.

ON KAWAMUNG

as the magical bolt hits him in the chest, sparkling like the Fourth of July.

KAWAMUNG

AAARRRGGGHHH!!

He staggers, releasing Sheila...

SHEILA

Oooooohhhh!!

...who splashes into the water.

ON ERIC AND BOGBEASTS

ERIC

Alright, you ~~ugly suckers~~, go
for it!

The bogbeasts charge o.s.

BOGBEASTS

(wild croaking)

ON KAWAMUNG

He smiles without concern as the bogbeasts rush toward him. Suddenly he raises his hands like a boogeyman.

KAWAMUNG

(scarey roar)

YAAAAAHHHHHHHHH!!!

THE BOGBEASTS

react in panic, falling over one another in the water.
ON ERIC

standing ankle deep in the water, reacting as the other bogbeasts retreat past him.

ERIC
Hey! Stop! Where are you going?

~~Eric looks off~~ in the direction they're coming from, reacts with a take, then runs off with the others.

ERIC
Wait for me!

PRESTO

hides behind a boulder. He takes off his hat.

PRESTO
Come on, ~~but~~...all those bogbeasts are counting on you this time! Don't screw up!

He runs his hand around the rim.

PRESTO
Hocus, pocus...abracadabra...
etcetera, etcetera..

He reaches in and pulls out a frisbee.

PRESTO
(disappointed)
Great! Just what I needed!

Presto flips the frisbee o.s. to get rid of it.

ANGLE ON DAM

as the frisbee lazily sails into shot, hitting the dam.
KABLAAMMMM! The dam explodes with a blinding flash of light, blowing the trees and boulders all over the place.

BACK TO PRESTO

ducking as debris falls into shot. He looks up, smiles.

PRESTO
Wow! ~~A nice~~ ~~megaton~~ frisbee!

BACK TO DAM

as the lake water gushes through like a tidal wave, washing several of the bogbeasts with it.

ON DRY RIVER BED

The water cascades down the dry bed, continuing o.s.
ON PRESTO, ERIC, HANK AND DIANA

DIANA
Way to go, Presto! You busted
the dam!

Eric sees something o.s., reacts.

ERIC
(awestruck)
Hey! Look! That's it! That's it!

THEIR POV - THE RIVER VALLEY

as the water continues to flow past the bogbeasts' village. Suddenly the water flows up at the end, like an inverted waterfall, pouring skywards into the top of the cavern. The water at the end of the inverted falls goes through a magical looking "warp" where it disappears.

HANK (VO)
It's "The River That Rains
Upsidedown!"

BACK TO HANK, ERIC, PRESTO AND DIANA

ERIC
We're finally gonna get back home!

BOBBY (VO)
Help!

They all react, turning to see:

THEIR POV - KAWAMUNG

Kawamung holds Bobby, Uni and Sheila in his hands with several more of the bogbeasts cringing beneath him.

KAWAMUNG
HA-HA-HA-HA!

BACK TO HANK AND OTHERS

HANK
Come on! We've got to get them!

Hank, Diana and Presto rush o.s. PUSH IN on Eric as he looks back at the o.s. river.

ERIC
But what about the river? We've
only got a minute to get back home!

He looks back at the others, stomps his foot, then runs after them.

ON KAWAMUNG

as our guys run up to the lake shore beside him. Kawamung points an evil finger at them.

KAWAMUNG
You put back dam or you never
see your friends again!

CLOSER ON HANK AND DIANA

Diana takes out her javelin, extends it to full length.

DIANA
Cover me, Hank!

She races o.s. like a pole vaulter. Hank raises his bow, fires an flaming bolt o.s.

KAWAMUNG

dodges the flaming bolt as:

DIANA

runs to the edge of the lake shore, plants her javelin, arcing up and o.s.

BACK TO KAWAMUNG

as Diana sails into shot, doing a triple flip, then landing on his shoulders piggy-back. He struggles to get at her, his hands filled with Sheila, Bobby and Uni.

KAWAMUNG
(angry roar)
YAAAAHHHHHH!!!

DIANA
Now for a little magic of my own!

She reaches down, taking the medallion off his neck, pointing it at him. It fires out a radiant blast, enveloping the ogre. A beat...then he shrinks down to the size of a small elf. The others splash into the water around him.

CLOSER ON KAWAMUNG

He reacts in fear.

KAWAMUNG
(tiny voice)
Help!

He splashes off through the water.

ANOTHER ANGLE - ON WATER

as Diana, Sheila and Bobby come to the surface.

SHEILA
Thanks, Diana!

PUSH IN on Bobby as he looks about.

BOBBY
Hey! Where's Uni?

Uni pops up into shot beside Bobby, spits a stream of water into his face. Bobby smiles, hugs her.

WIDER ANGLE

as Eric, Hank and Presto float into shot on a large log.

ERIC
Quick! Grab on! We've still got
thirty seconds to make it out of
this rotten place!

The others grab onto the log. Eric uses his shield to paddle. Presto uses his hat. As they drift downstream we cut to:

THE COLLAPSED DAM

as they move over it, continuing toward:

THE END OF THE RIVER

as the log floats downstream toward the inverted falls.

ERIC
Faster! Faster!

CLOSER ON INVERTED FALLS

The log moves into the falls and shoots upwards along with the water.

HANK
Hang on!

DRAMATIC UP ANGLE

as they all shoot up with the falls, through the strange "warp." PUSH IN as they disappear and we cut to:

EXTERIOR: ON WATER - DAY

A beat...then Hank pops up through the water, treading. The others follow, with Eric (still a bogbeast) appearing last. They all look o.s., reacting in surprise. Suddenly smiles break onto their faces. CAMERA WIDENS to reveal they are in the amusement park, in the water at the base of a log ride.

 PRESTO
We made it!

 SHEILA
We're home!

 BOBBY
Yippee!

Uni, in Bobby's arms, reacts to her new surroundings.

CLOSER ON ERIC AND HANK

as they dance about in the water.

 ERIC
We made it! We made it!

Suddenly Hank stops dancing. He looks at Eric with a concerned stare.

 HANK
Eric!

 ERIC
What is, Hank, old buddy?

Hank just points at Eric. Eric stops, his smile fades. He looks at himself, then back at Hank.

 ERIC
I'm...I'm...still a bogbeast!

FULL ON OUR GUYS

as they all stop laughing, look at Eric. Eric looks at the surrounding amusement park.

 ERIC
I can't spend the rest of my
life looking like...this!

 PRESTO
But the magic warp is only going
to stay open a few more seconds.

 DIANA
If you go back...you'll never
be able to come back through!

eric pauses a beat...looks at his friends. He suddenly takes a deep breath, disappears back under the water. PUSH IN as the others react.

SHEILA

He'll be lost back there without us!

HANK

Well...what do we do?

They all look to each other for an answer. After an uncomfortable beat we cut to:

ANGLE ON INVERTED WATERFALL

as the falls shut off, slowly dropping back down until the river flows normally. PUSH IN on the bank as Eric splashes up out of the water. He shakes off like a dog, then looks about, all alone in the huge cavern.

ERIC

I wonder what it'll be like
spending the rest of my life
here...alone!

BOGBEAST #1 (VO)

You not be alone...

ANOTHER ANGLE

as the bogbeasts move toward Eric. Bogbeast #1 puts his arm around Eric again. Eric recoils.

BOGBEAST #1

...brother!

ERIC

(practically crying)

Nooooo!

WIDER - TO INCLUDE WATER

as Hank and the others pop up to the surface beside the bank where Eric stands with the bogbeasts. Eric pulls away from bogbeast #1, moves to the bank, helps the others out of the water.

ERIC

Guys! You came back!

HANK

We just couldn't leave you here
all alone!

DIANA

Now if we can only find a way
to change you back!

CLOSER ON DIANA AND PRESTO

PRESTO
Wait a minute! What happened to
that ogre's magic medallion?

Diana holds up her empty hands, reacts.

DIANA
I must have lost it!

WIDER ANGLE

as their expectations are deflated once again. Eric
stomps his foot in a tantrum.

ERIC
Oh, I hate this stupid world!

suddenly he transforms back to normal, not realizing it.
The others react to his pouting face, smiling with joy.

DIANA
Eric! Your face!

ERIC
(waves them away)
Cut it out! I've had enough
of your insulting jokes!

CLOSER ON ERIC

as Hank moves to him.

HANK
It's no joke, Eric! Look!

Hank takes Eric's shield, holds its mirrored surface up
before his face. PUSH IN as Eric reacts to his normal
face, smiling with joy.

ERIC
It's me! I'm not a bogbeast
anymore! I'm back to my normal
great looking self!

He dances with joy, turning a half-turn. WIDEN to reveal
he's facing the Dungeon Master. Eric reacts with a
startled leap.

ERIC
Yaaahhhh!!
(composes himself)
Dungeon Master!

Eric grabs Dungeon Master, dancing around with the
startled little wizard.

ERIC
I'm back to normal! I'm back to normal!

DUNGEON MASTER
Naturally!

Eric reacts, stops dancing.

ERIC
What do you mean, naturally?

DUNGEON MASTER
I told you the answer will be found in what you dislike the most...

FULL SHOT - ALL

DIANA
Of course! Eric hates this world more than anything!

DUNGEON MASTER
And all you had to do was go home... and return...in order to break the spell!

PUSH IN as Eric looks to the others.

ERIC
I'm sorry I messed up your chance to get home!

HANK
That's okay, Eric. There will be other chances...right, Dungeon Master?

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal Dungeon Master is gone.

BOBBY
He's gone!

Presto looks o.s., reacting.

PRESTO
But they're not!

They all react as several bogbeasts enter shot, stopping before Eric.

BOGBEAST #1
We come to thank great leader, and to say we sorry!

*D.M.
POSSIBLY
THIS WORLD
IS THE KEY
TO THE
MAGIC OF
THE
MIRACULON!*

*BUT WHAT
WAS ALL THIS
ABOUT*

*WHY HAVE I HAD
A GREAT
DEAD AND
SAVED THE*

ERIC
Sorry! You mean because I didn't
make it home?

BOGBEAST #1
(silly smile)
No! Because you turn so ugly!

The bogbeasts point their webbed fingers at Eric,
gafawing wildy.

FULL SHOT - ALL

Eric just stands there, deadpanned, as the bogbeasts and
his friends laugh hysterically.

BOGBEASTS
(croaking laughter)

HANK ET ALL
(more laughter)

ERIC
(not amused)
Ha...ha...ha!

FADE OUT

THE END